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The Church and Field.

Bro. S. W. Wilt has changed his address from Berlin, Pa., to Terra Alta, W. Va.

The Brethren in Baltimore are making a strong effort to build a meeting house there.—*Messenger*.

Bro. H. P. Metcalf, of Hestown, Ind., has changed his address to Waynesville, Pulaski county, Mo.

We are glad to notice that the cause in Girard, Ill., is looming up so gloriously. Keep the ball rolling Brethren.

We are sorry to learn that brother D. F. Ramsey, of Conemaugh, Pa., became ill after closing his successful meeting. Hope he may speedily recover.

Brother Bashor preached a few doctrinal sermons at Aurelia, Iowa, lately, and three of the most substantial citizens of that place united with the Brethren, as an immediate result.

Thirty were baptized into the Brethren Church at Mt. Morris, Illinois, lately. Twenty-eight of whom were members of the Brethren Sunday school at that place. So says the Mt. Morris paper.

Theodore Hawk from Homer, Medina county, gave the sanctuary a pleasant call last week. He reports the cause there as being in a prosperous condition. There were seven baptized by brother Jacobs in that congregation last Thursday.

Bro. John Gordon, of Sweetwater, Tenn., formerly from Beecheymire, Ind., writes us that he has suffered severe affliction since moving into his new home. He has had much sickness and two deaths in his family. May the Lord be gracious to him and enable him to bear up under his severe trials.

Elder P. J. Brown gave the Ashland people a call last week, on his way to North Liberty. He was in good health and excellent spirits, and his cheerful disposition communicated to all he met. The success of the Northern Ohio S. S. Convention is occupying his chief attention at present.

The meetings at Conemaugh, Pa., in the Johnstown congregation, which closed with six additions by baptism and two applicants, as noticed last week, includes among the former Wm. M. Gochenour, a student of Ashland College, who was home on a visit. Bro. G. is a promising young man, and we hope will prove a worker in the Master's cause.

A protracted meeting was begun in Johnstown Pa., by their pastor R. Z. Replogle, last Saturday evening. The members prepared for this event by holding daily prayer meetings for a week previous to the beginning of the meetings, and we predict a successful revival. We like to hear news of this kind from the churches. God will surely bless the work when carried on in this way.

COLUMBIANA, Ohio, March 17, 1885.—Bro. Abraham Detwiler, of Bever township, Mahoning county, Ohio, started with his household goods, on the 9th, instant, for his new home near

Ridgeway, Maryland. His family followed him on the 11th. Their neighbors and friends were loath to part with them, well knowing, however, that their loss would be gain to the community to which they removed. LAURA SLOTTOR.

MARCH 16, 1885.—Brethren: I am now holding a meeting at the Brethren's appointment, Woodland, Preston county, W. Va. Congregations and attention good. There are some applicants for baptism, and some for membership by relation; others are still expected. S. S. WILT.

MASONTOWN, PA., Mar. 15.—Prof. Byron Tombaugh was baptized March 8, by Rev. A. J. Sterling, in the Monongahela river. Byron is the youngest son of Solomon and Lydia Tombaugh, Odell, Washington county, Pa., and is a brother of Rev. J. M. Tombaugh. Prof. is a graduate of the Southwestern State Normal, and, for the present is principal of the Mason-town schools. M. M. STERLING.

GIRARD, ILL., Mar. 16, 1885.—Bro. J. H. Swihart began meetings in our church at Girard, Feb. 24th, and closed March 6th, during which time he delivered to us some splendid sermons, which resulted in thirteen additions to our little body. We were sorry he could not continue longer; hope he will come again. The outlook here is favorable to building up a large church. Bro. Bashor has promised to hold us a series of meetings next fall. I. M. GIBSON.

LANARK, ILL., March 13, 1885.—On the 22nd of February at our regular meeting, one more, besides those already reported by Bro. Bashor, came and united with us. Prospects are favorable for success. The stricter class of German Baptists here, are becoming much easier. Some who believe in the minutes of Annual Meeting, and would like to see them enforced, are too weak in the faith to assist in carrying out their once sacred rules. At present they say, "I am going to take care of myself, let others do the same." A very good resolve. The reformation that was inaugurated by those who were expelled, is gradually going on in the German Baptist church. We are glad of it; we were determined that people should enjoy the liberty the Gospel afforded, if it did require our membership and a great deal of Christian forbearance. We are already looking forward to the time of the great re-union and jubilee, spoken of by some of your correspondents. Z. T. LIVENGOOD.

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Mar. 17.—In a former number of the EVANGELIST was a statement that a protracted meeting would be held by the Brethren in the city of South Bend, Ind., at the 2nd M. E. church, and that the services would be conducted by J. W. Fitzgerald. After said article had been written and sent to the office, brother D. C. Ullery and the writer consulted about the propriety of securing one of our ablest brethren to conduct the meeting, and as brother J. A. Ridenour was well known to the writer, both as to character and ability, as well as his fervent zeal

for the cause, by mutual consent we wrote for him, and to our joy he came.

The meetings commenced on the eve of the 26th ult., brother James and myself preaching turn about until Tuesday, 10th inst. Our aim in these meetings was to give to the people the doctrines of the Bible as understood by the Brethren Church. At the last meeting brother James gave them a very forcible sermon on baptism, which was well received and we think did good. The present result of the meeting was one applicant for baptism, and one by transfer. We must remember that this was seed time and our hope is a better harvest in the future. The expenses incurred by the meeting was eighty-three dollars, which our noble-hearted brother D. C. Ullery paid without a murmur. God bless such brethren as brother Ullery. The work which brother Ullery is doing for the cause will stand as a monument to his name long after he is dead and gone.

Bro. James also preached five sermons at our new church south of the "Bend", which were well received, and will act as a lever in our future work. More anon. J. W. FITZGERALD.

Notes from J. B. Wampler.

The Rosedale Brethren Church edifice is located in Taylortownship, Cambria county, Pa., three miles from the Johnstown, and two and one half miles from the East Conemaugh meeting houses. These three church edifices are owned and wholly controlled by the Brethren church. The Benshoff and the Headie (the latter a union house,) are also located in the Johnstown district and are about one and one half miles from the Rosedale house. The Brethren hold a joint interest in the two last named houses of worship. The Rosedale house is a wooden structure; in size thirty by fifty feet, executed in modern but modest style, and workmanlike manner, well representing our holy religion, outwardly modest and unassuming, and inwardly modest and beautiful. The seating capacity is well arranged. Instead of pews chairs are placed on the sides of the stand; the aisles, pulpit and audience room is well carpeted. The house is also well furnished with lamps and a clock that by each tick indicates that time is rapidly passing away. The entire cost will reach near fourteen hundred dollars. The first day of the second month was appointed for the dedicating of the Rosedale Brethren church edifice. When the time arrived the tolling of the bell was heard in Rosedale and vicinity calling the people together for worship and to hear the dedicatory sermon which was delivered by our worthy and much esteemed Elder Wesley A. Adams, from the text, Genesis 28: 17. I will notice a few of the leading points deduced from the text.

1st. The place was a dreadful place because it was the house of God and the gate of heaven. It was dreadful on account of its sacredness, and on account of the experience that Jacob realized, and on account of the things he saw and heard, and on account of God revealing himself.

2nd. The use of the house of God. A place where the people of God meet for solemn worship,

where God sends his spirit into the hearts of his worshippers; a place where vows are made; a place where prayers are sent forth and blessings received; a place where sick are healed and the weak strengthened; a place where sinners are converted and Christian characters are formed; a place for Sabbath school, singing and prayer service.

These are some of the leading points that were impressed upon the mind and hearts of the large and much interested congregation. A few interesting meetings were held in connection with the dedicatory services, and an arrangement effected to hold a series of meetings in the near future.

On Feb. 21st the writer was permitted to meet with the congregation at Rosedale in their new church building for the first time. Meeting continued until the evening of the 8th of March. On account of other appointments the meeting closed but with a full house and good interest. As an immediate result five were added to the number of disciples, while others, we have reason to believe, were near the kingdom.

The membership in the Johnstown congregation are alive to their duties and they show very clearly that they believe in experimental and practical religion. The congregation has at this time six places where regular meetings are held. Five ministers, six deacons, with over two hundred members, constitutes the Brethren church in the Johnstown district, in which are held three Sabbath schools; two of them are "evergreen" schools.

During my stay at Rosedale I was called upon to assist the Brethren in the Conemaugh district in holding a choice for ministers and deacons. The choice resulted in the calling of brethren Joseph Reighard and Paul Strayer, to the ministry. The former was ordained; the latter was not present and has declined to be ordained at present. Hope he may well consider the call and submit to ordination in the near future. Brethren Solomon Strayer, David Burkhardt and Abraham Beyers were called and ordained as deacons. My prayer to God is that his choice blessings may rest upon them so that they may be efficient workers in the vineyard of the Lord.

Bro. Samuel Shaeffer, one of the ministering brethren of the Conemaugh congregation was ordained as the others above named, by prayer and the laying on of hands, according to apostolic precedence.

During the meetings at Rosedale the following brethren, Elders Solomon Benshoff, David Beyers, Stephen Hildebrand and Samuel Shaeffer, from the Conemaugh congregation, were present, as also Elders Benjamin Goughenour, (who does most of the preaching at Rosedale at present,) Daniel Crofford and R. Z. Replogle. The latter preached a very acceptable sermon from the language, "What think ye of Christ." All took an active part in the services. Brethren M. W. Keim and Snook, as also some of the sisters residing in Johnstown, of whom I can name as partners in life of Brethren Daniel and William Crofford, attended the meetings, coming a distance of three miles afoot.

This is an evidence that they all felt a deep interest in the Master's cause.

During the meeting I was called to witness the interment of a dear little son of brother and sister Strayer, and to assist in the funeral services. The occasion was a very solemn one. Hope God may sanctify it to the good of all who were present on the occasion.

To the brethren and sisters whose hospitality I was permitted to share while with you, and especially to brother Benjamin Benshoff and family, where I had my home, and for their kindness in conveying me from place to place, I tender my sincere thanks. May the rich blessings of God attend you all through life, and eventually save us all is my prayer. J. B. WAMPLER.

Sunday School Convention.—Attention Committee.

The Executive Committee of the Brethren S. S. Convention of Northern Ohio, are requested to meet in the EVANGELIST Office, at Ashland, on Thursday, April 9th, 1885, at 10 o'clock a. m. sharp, for the purpose of making arrangements for the Convention, to be held at Fair Haven, O. Members of the Committee who cannot possibly attend, should send by mail, addressed to E. L. Yoder, any business or suggestions they may desire. E. L. YODER, Chairman.

MARRIED.

SWIGART—PLUM—On March 15, 1885, in Lanark, Ill. brother Samuel Swigart and sister Kate Plum, Elder Z. T. Livengood officiating.

FORR—BRANT—At Berlin, Pa., March 19, 1885, by the undersigned, Mr. McCelvey Forr, of Broad Top, Pa., and sister Amanda Brant, of Berlin, Pa. JOHN H. KNEPER.

KAUFMAN—AUGUSTINE.—By Elder C. Hoover, at his residence, March 10, 1885. Mr. Edward Kaufman and Catharine Augustine, both of near Orville, Wayne county, O.

DIED.

SHUCK—On February 23, 1885, at Lawrence, Kansas, Brother Ephraim Shuck, aged 57 years, 11 months and 14 days.

He was born in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, March 9th, 1827, and was married January 2, 1847, to Sarah Bixler, in Fayette county, Pa.

He leaves a wife and eight children to mourn his loss. He was unwell for several months with a complication of diseases, when a sudden attack of Pneumonia soon ended in death. Funeral discourse by the writer, from Rev. 14: 13. JOSEPH MICHAEL.

DISBER—Bro. Joseph Disber died at his residence in Venango county, Pa., on the 10th day of March, 1885, aged 72 years, 6 months and 20 days. He was up and around till the last and died without a single struggle. He died in the hope of a glorious immortality beyond the grave. C. D.

A Tribute of Respect.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Him who doeth all things well, to call our beloved brother A. L. Davis home while in the midst of preparing himself for the grave and responsible duties of life, and

WHEREAS, He was a member of the Ashland City Church, therefore be it Resolved, That we, the Ashland City Church, mourn the loss of one who was ever faithful and true in the discharge of his Christian duties, one whom we learned to love and respect as a co-laborer in the church, Sunday school and prayer-meeting.

Resolved, That we tender our heartfelt sympathies to sister Davis in her bereavement, and do assure her that his conduct has secured for him a home in the mansions of the blest where there shall be no more sorrow nor death, where God will wipe away all tears from his eyes, and that if she hold out faithful to the end she will meet him "in the harbor of rest."

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to Mrs. Davis and that they be published in the BRETHREN EVANGELIST.

L. W. DITCH. }
W. C. PERRY. } Com.
A. A. COBB. }